

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA MASTER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Thursday, May 5, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Location: 12500 Alameda Dr. Norman, OK 73026

A. Call to Order

President Amanda Nairn called the meeting to Order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

President Amanda Nairn
Treasurer Jann Knotts
Secretary Michael Dean
Roger Frech
Kevin Anders
Dave Ballew

Board Members Absent:

William Janacek

Staff Present:

Kyle Arthur, General Manager
Kelley Metcalf, Office Manager
Tim Carr, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor

Others Present:

Dean Couch
Curt Dikes
Julie Chambers
Mark Roberts
Paul Streets
Alan Swartz
Cole Niblett
Beverly Palmer

Virtually:

William Janacek
Geri Wellborn

B. Statement of compliance with Open Meeting Act

Kelley Metcalf, Office Manager, stated the notice of the monthly board meeting had been posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

C. Administrative

C.1. Presentation by OWRB regarding 2021 water quality monitoring and other ongoing studies

Please see the presentation titled “Lake Thunderbird 2021 Water Quality” and document titled “2021 Final Report” in the packet.

Mr. Dikes made a presentation regarding the written report of the OWRB’s evaluation of Lake Thunderbird Water Quality 2021. He thanked the Board for their continued support of annual monitoring at the lake.

Curt presented monitoring results on chlorophyll-a, phosphorus, nitrogen, and attainment of Water Quality Standards (WQS). He noted that in the years between 2016 and 2019, developed land cover increased by 3.95%. He also suggested removing any depiction of lake Stanley Draper from watershed maps since it is simply a terminal storage facility and does not discharge. Mr. Dikes noted that precipitation was 13 inches below average during 2021.

Chlorophyll-a increased overall during the year and the lake-wide average is more than 3x the sensitive water supply criterion of 10 micrograms/liter. Phosphorus levels continued to be high, but consistent with recent previous years. Total Nitrogen has continued to increase over past years. Turbidity showed a slight improvement over 2020, but the 10-year average is still above the WQS. Dissolved oxygen (DO) fully met the surface criteria but did not meeting the volumetric criteria.

In regard to next steps, Mr. Dikes discussed meeting with stakeholders to do a deeper dive into the results. Stakeholders will include cities using the lake for raw water, those party to the TMDL and other relevant watershed groups. Additionally, he mentioned utilizing the monitoring data and efforts to help inform the turnpike planning efforts.

D. Action: PURSUANT TO 82 OKLA. STATUTES, SECTION 541 (D) (10), THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL PERFORM OFFICIAL ACTIONS BY RESOLUTION AND ALL OFFICIAL ACTIONS INCLUDING FINAL PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT, A QUORUM BEING PRESENT, AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED AND APPROVED, DISAPPROVED, AMENDED, TABLED OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN:

D.2. Minutes of the regular board meeting held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, and corresponding Resolution

The minutes were reviewed and finding those in good order as presented, Michael Dean made a motion seconded by Kevin Anders to approve the Resolution.

Roll call vote:

President Amanda Nairn	Yes
Treasurer Jann Knotts	Abstain
Secretary Michael Dean	Yes
Member William Janacek	Absent

Member Roger Frech	Yes
Member Kevin Anders	Yes
Member Dave Ballew	Yes

Motion Passed

D.3. Financial statements for operating accounts for March 2022, and corresponding Resolution

Finding the financial statements in good order otherwise as presented, Jann Knotts made a motion seconded by Michael Dean to approve the Resolution.

Roll call vote:

President Amanda Nairn	Yes
Treasurer Jann Knotts	Yes
Secretary Michael Dean	Yes
Member William Janacek	Absent
Member Roger Frech	Yes
Member Kevin Anders	Yes
Member Dave Ballew	Yes

Motion Passed

E. Discussion

E.4. Legal Counsel's Report

Apr. 7, 2022	Attend monthly meeting of board of directors at COMCD offices
Apr. 13, 2022	Print out Dave Ballew's signed oath of office and communication with Kelley Metcalf about filing same in Cleveland County District Court before next monthly meeting
Apr. 18, 2022	Final preparation of application for term permit for filing with Oklahoma Water Resources Board and drawing check for filing fee
Apr. 19, 2022	Meeting with Oklahoma Water Resources Board staff to review and discuss application for term permit by COMCD after obtaining temporary water contract from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and confirm need to submit other documents
Apr. 28, 2022	Prepare Legal Counsel report for May 5 monthly meeting

E.5. General Manager's Report

Please see document titled "Manager's Report" in the packet.

E.6. New business (any matter not known prior to the meeting, and which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the posting of the agenda)

Ms. Nairn gave an update regarding an OTA meeting that she and Mr. Arthur attended on Tuesday,

May 3, 2022. Also in attendance was OTA employees, James Allard and Jeff Tompkins from the Bureau of Reclamation, four Lake Thunderbird State Park employees, two Garver employees, and two Poe & Associates employees.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin talking about the process that is required of the OTA. Mr. Allard spoke, in depth, about the four purposes of the lake: flood control, water supply, fish and wildlife, and recreation. All four pillars are equally important. Bureau of Reclamation provided the OTA with a form that has to be completed and it requires the OTA to detail if and how the project would affect those 4 pillars. Once the form is completed there would be a compatibility evaluation done by BOR. If BOR does not feel OTA has addressed how they are going to mitigate or any potential impacts to any of the four pillars or not affect them, the BOR can say “no” to the process, as far as the turnpike going over real property of the federal government. The OTA asked if the BOR said no, could they reapply, and Mr. Allard said yes. If the BOR should find the OTA’s response acceptable, then the NEPA process would begin. Ms. Nairn expressed the District’s concern about the construction. The OTA stated that they would be hiring a separate team to enforce erosion control during construction. Ms. Nairn stated that most of the project is within the Thunderbird watershed and the OTA would have to be conscientious about this during construction. Ms. Nairn stated the OTA was very amenable to ideas of how to improve lake water quality and mentioned best management practices, wetlands, and other things that they are willing to do.

Mr. Arthur spoke about the thoughts he shared with the OTA and others, specifically focusing on potential impacts to water quality and quantity and what impact the project may have on the infrastructure of the pipelines. Mr. Arthur stated the District would pay close attention to all phases of construction, and opportunities may arise to make improvements.

Ms. Nairn also explained to them the makeup of the board and the District’s responsibilities. She stated that the District does not intend on voting either way. She also stated that the District is currently reviewing the Rules of the District.

Ms. Nairn stated two Norman attorneys filed a legal challenge in Cleveland County District Court, on behalf of Pike Off OTA and dozens of other plaintiffs. The lawsuit contends that because the South Extension is not described in a 1987 bill adopted by the state legislature, the proposed toll road cannot be built until it is codified in state law.

F. Adjourn

There being no further business, President Nairn adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.